

ITour #1: Baseball, Brews, & Blues

America's Center, Washington Avenue Entrance

Sunday, February 26, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This itinerary includes a tour of Busch Stadium, a tour of Anheuser-Busch Brewery, and admission to the National Blues Museum. A lunch voucher to Sugarfire Smokehouse BBQ is included.



Your first stop is a tour of Busch Stadium, home to the 2011 World Series Champions, the St. Louis Cardinals. With seating for more than 40,000 fans, this field of dreams is like no other. The design of the ballpark takes into account the beautiful skyline of downtown St. Louis, and the colorful history of the Cardinals. Enjoy a walking tour of the home to the St. Louis Cardinals.



The Anheuser-Busch Brewery is situated in a 100-acre complex with over 100 red brick structures. The Brewery buildings are known for their unique architecture and several are National Historic Landmarks. During the walking tour you will see the World Famous Clydesdales, the Beechwood Aging Cellar and the Brew House. No visit would be complete without sampling the family of Anheuser-Busch products during the tour!



Stop at the National Blues Museum, named one of the "12 New Museums to Visit" in 2016 by The Smithsonian and listed as one of the "Places to Go in 2016" by The New York Times, for time on your own. Guests are free to depart after exploring the museum. Through artifacts and cutting-edge technology, the museum allows Blues aficionados to explore and revel in its history and will engage new audiences in the genre. Upon departure, guests will be given a lunch voucher to Sugarfire Smokehouse BBQ to enjoy on their own.

Tour Notes:

- *The Busch Stadium Tour is a ½ mile walking tour, inside and outside, please dress accordingly.*
- *The Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour is a 5-6 block walking tour, inside and outside, please dress accordingly.*
- *The distance between the National Blues Museum and America's Center is 495 feet. Guests can walk back to America's Center after exploring the museum on their own.*

Tour #2: Forest Park – “Meet Me in St. Louis”

America’s Center, Washington Avenue Entrance

Sunday, February 26, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This itinerary begins with a driving overview of Forest Park. Your motorcoach will shuttle between the Saint Louis Zoo, the Saint Louis Art Museum, and the Jewel Box. Although the shuttle will run between all three attractions, it is recommended guests select one attraction to visit in order to make the most of their experience. A boxed lunch is included for the drive back to America’s Center.



Take a walk on the wild side and explore the 67-acre Saint Louis Zoo! Begin at *The Living World*, an interactive visitor and education center then see the more than 3,500 residents living in recreations of their natural habitats. Make sure to stop by Polar Bear Point to visit Kalle, the first occupant of the exhibit, who joined the zoo in 2015.



Visit the Saint Louis Art Museum where there is something for everyone from modern art to the Renaissance. Considered one of the top art museums in the country, there truly is something around every turn. The museum houses an encyclopedic collection of over 33,000 works.



Explore the Jewel Box which dates back to 1936, known as the “jewel” of Forest Park, featuring unconventional, cantilevered vertical glass walls rising majestically 50 feet high. The permanent floral displays are supplemented with seasonal flowers from the city’s greenhouses, grown and planted by the Flora Conservancy of Forest Park, the volunteer gardening group, and the Horticulture Section of the Parks Division.

Tour Notes:

- *The motorcoach will shuttle between each attraction and the Destination St. Louis tour guide will provide passengers a shuttle schedule.*
- *The Saint Louis Zoo is predominately outdoors, please dress accordingly.*
- *A boxed lunch will be served on the motorcoach while en route back to America’s Center.*

Tour #3: The Grand Tour

America's Center, Washington Avenue Entrance

Sunday, February 26, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This tour includes a private tour at The Fabulous Fox Theatre, a drive by the New Cathedral, and a stop at the Missouri Botanical Gardens. A lunch voucher for Sassafras Café at the Missouri Botanical Gardens is included.



Experience the Fabulous Fox Theatre, built in 1929 by William Fox, of 20th Century Fox fame, the theatre was named after a Hindu mosque. After a period of decline, the Fabulous Fox Theatre was restored and reopened in 1982, and now hosts concerts and Broadway musicals. A walking tour of the theatre with a brief performance on the Theatre organ is included.



Drive by the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, also known as the New Cathedral, that houses one of the largest collections of mosaics in the world – 84,000 square feet in 8,000 shades of tiny pieces of glass! The tiny pieces of tessere and glass portray scenes from both the Old and New Testaments, the life of Saint Louis IX, King of France, and many men and women prominent in the history of St. Louis.



The Missouri Botanical Garden has been internationally recognized for horticulture, education and scientific research since its founding in 1859. It is truly a St. Louis treasure! Explore the 79 acres of flora from a variety of diverse climates and visit the Climatron, the first geodesic dome greenhouse based on Buckminster Fuller's futuristic design. Enjoy lunch at Sassafras Café with your voucher during your visit.

Tour Note: The Missouri Botanical Garden is predominately outdoors, please dress accordingly.

Tour #4: A Little Taste of St. Louis

America's Center, Washington Avenue Entrance

Sunday, February 26, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This tour includes a driving overview of The Loop, Soulard, Lafayette Square, and a stop at Ted Drewes Frozen Custard (pending seasonal hours). Treats include Fitz's Root Beer, Chocolate Chocolate Arch, Ted Drewes Frozen Custard, Gus' Pretzels, and Goopy Butter Cake.



Begin with a driving tour of "The Loop", a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places. The Loop is a six-block area complete with restaurants, shopping, art and entertainment and is named after the old streetcar turn-around that was a part of the Delmar line. A taste of a Loop staple, Fitz's Root Beer, is included.



While en route to your next neighborhood, enjoy a taste of the Arch from Chocolate Chocolate Arch Company, a family-owned business known for handcrafted premium chocolate. Enjoy an overview of The Hill neighborhood, a charming community with personality and history. Views of St. Ambrose Church, authentic bocce alleys and other surprises. A stop at Missouri Baking Company is included to purchase authentic baked goods.



With time to indulge your sweet tooth with a stop at Ted Drewes Frozen Custard, a St. Louis tradition since 1929. Enjoy a specialty "complete" shake that is so thick you can turn it upside down (pending seasonal hours).



While touring through the Soulard neighborhood, guests will enjoy an oven baked pretzel from the local favorite Gus' pretzels. The final neighborhood of exploration is Lafayette Square. Many of the homes date to the 1870s and have been painstakingly renovated. A taste of St. Louis' Goopy Butter cake is included during this portion of the tour.

Tour Note: This is a driving overview tour, guests will be able to get out at the Missouri Baking Company for a short stop and at Ted Drewes (pending seasonal hours). A boxed lunch is not included with this tour due to the sampling of treats.

Tour #5: Black History Tour

America's Center, Washington Avenue Entrance

Sunday, February 26, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This itinerary includes a guided private tour of the Griot Museum of Black History and a stop at the Old Courthouse. A boxed lunch is included.



You will enjoy a guided private tour of The Griot Museum of Black History where you will see the linking of the past, present and future of African-American history through life-size figures, historical documents, artifacts and special exhibits.



Your final stop of the day is the Old Courthouse. Take a tour of the setting for cases involving slavery, the fur trade and equal rights. Of these cases, the Dred Scott Freedom Trial is the most notable. The group will be able to participate in a mock trial complete with a manuscript.

Tour Note: *A boxed lunch will be served on the motorcoach while en route back to America's Center.*

Tour #6: Construction Zone: Hard Hat Not Required

America's Center
Sunday, February 26, 2017
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This itinerary includes a driving overview of Laclede's Landing, the Old Cathedral, the Old Courthouse, Busch Stadium, Citygarden, one-hour sightseeing cruise on the Mississippi River. A boxed lunch is included.



Begin the tour with a driving overview of St. Louis City as your Destination St. Louis certified tour guide will trace the history of St. Louis beginning with the city's original settlement, Laclede's Landing. You will pass Busch Stadium, home of the 2011 World Series Champion St. Louis Cardinals. Continuing west on Market Street, you will pass several of St. Louis' civic buildings and plazas, as well as Citygarden, a unique urban oasis blending art, architecture and landscape.



A guided walking tour from a Gateway Arch representative of the Old Courthouse and Gateway Arch grounds. You will learn about the latest exhibits and programs offered at both facilities as well as the construction that is taking place. While walking the grounds, you will see the newly completed landscape and stroll down the grand staircase to the riverboat cruise. At the time you arrive at the cruise, you will have a good idea of what is to come for the Jefferson Memorial



Finally, experience the "Mighty" Mississippi first hand during a Gateway Riverboat cruise, hosted by the Gateway Arch. You will board an authentic paddle wheeler for a one-hour sightseeing cruise and take in the views of the dramatic St. Louis skyline and enjoy a boxed lunch.

Tour Note: *A portion of this tour will be an outdoor walking tour of the Gateway Arch grounds, please dress accordingly.*

Tour #7: Shop ‘Til You Drop at the Outlets

America’s Center

Sunday, February 26, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This itinerary includes time to shop at two of the newest outlet malls in the area, St. Louis Premium Outlets and Taubman Prestige Outlets. A boxed lunch is included.



Get ready to cover a lot of land at two new outlet malls in the booming Chesterfield Valley shopping district. A combined 600,000 square feet of outlet shopping awaits you. St. Louis Premium Outlet Mall flanks the west side of Chesterfield Valley consisting of over 85 outlet shops featuring Adidas, Vera Bradley, Izod, Off 5th, Ann Taylor, Nike, Crabtree & Evelyn plus many more.



Taubman Prestige Outlets anchors the east side of Chesterfield Valley and offers shoppers an eclectic mix of stores in an inviting, open-air village layout. The outlet features Gap Outlet, Banana Republic Factory, Carter’s, Famous Footwear, countless other brand names and a food court.

Tour Notes:

- *The outlets do not open until 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. A driving overview of downtown St. Louis will be included upon departure of America’s Center en route to the outlet malls.*
- *Designated pick-up and drop off locations will be at each mall with timed departures. We recommend choosing one shopping destination to maximize your time*
- *Please dress accordingly as the outlet malls feature an open-air layout for shopping.*
- *A boxed lunch will be served on the motorcoach while en route back to America’s Center.*

Tour #8: Get Your Kicks on Route 66

America's Center, Washington Avenue Entrance

Sunday, February 26, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This itinerary includes a docent-led tour at the Missouri History Museum of the Route 66: Main Street Through St. Louis limited-time exhibit and admission to the Museum of Transportation. A boxed lunch and Ted Drewes (pending seasonal hours) is included.



At the Missouri History Museum, you'll take a docent-led tour through *Route 66: Main Street Through St. Louis*. Known as the "Mother Road" and the "Main Street of America," Route 66 plays an important role in American history, but the famous road also has a story to tell about the St. Louis area and how it has changed. Visitors will see a number of artifacts ranging from gas pumps to roadside signs and will even get a chance to drive the road themselves.



At the Museum of Transportation travel through 150 years of transportation history. You will be able to explore through the historical developments of many of the one-of-a-kind locomotives, cars, and cabooses at the Museum. If you are a car buff, visit the Earl C. Lindburg building which houses a rotating automobile exhibit, and plan to stop by the Douglas C-47A Transport.

Tour Notes:

- *The Museum of Transportation is predominately outdoors, please dress accordingly.*
- *A boxed lunch and sweet treat from Ted Drewes will be served on the motorcoach en route back to America's Center.*